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REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 8-19 have been cancelled from the application. Currently, claims 1-5, 7 and 20 are pending in the application.

The indication that claims 1-5, 7 and 20 are allowable is noted with appreciation.

Claims 8-15 and 17-19 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Zanoni (U.S. Patent No. 3,847,485) in view of Boettner et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,880,465). Claim 16 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Zanoni in view of Boettner et al. and further in view of Kudo et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,836,869). Claim 17 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Zanoni and Boettner as applied to claim above.

These rejections are all moot in view of the cancellation of claims 8-19.

In view of foregoing claim amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and an action to this effect is respectfully requested.

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If there are any questions or concerns regarding the amendments or these remarks, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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